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Governor and Legislature on  
Wisconsin Child Abuse and Neglect**

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# INTRODUCTION

Alleged child maltreatment is reported to all 71 county social or human services departments in the state and to the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare in Milwaukee (BMCW), hereinafter referred to as "agencies." Data regarding each report investigated is sent to and compiled by the Department of Health and Family Services in order to allow decision makers, service providers and the public to understand and effectively respond to trends in child maltreatment.

This report presents specific county data and state-wide data for 1999. Data regarding the number of children reported includes only those reports screened in by the agency as potentially being within the parameters of statutory definitions of alleged child maltreatment. These are the reports that are investigated. Not all reports received are appropriate for investigation. Although they may represent a concern for a child or family, the concerns may not rise to a level to warrant public intervention. Referrals that are screened out and not investigated are not included in the data. Families with screened out referrals may still be offered agency services or referred to appropriate community resources.

The quality of the data in this report is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of data submitted by the local agencies. The State of Wisconsin looks forward to full implementation of the statewide automated child welfare information system (WiSACWIS) as it will greatly expand the type of data collected and improve the timeliness and accuracy of child welfare data throughout the state.

Laws and policies concerning child maltreatment pertain to children 17 years of age or less, unless otherwise specified. Child maltreatment is generally divided into four basic types: physical neglect,

physical abuse, sexual abuse and emotional abuse. In addition, threats of child abuse and neglect must be reported to and investigated by the county agencies and BMCW. These cases are categorized as maltreatment that is likely to occur.

Physical neglect is defined in the statute as "failure, refusal or inability on the part of a parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person exercising temporary or permanent control over a child, for reasons other than poverty, to provide necessary care, food, clothing, medical or dental care or shelter so as to seriously endanger the physical health of the child."

[Ref. s. 48.981(1)(d), Stats.]

Physical abuse is defined as "physical injury inflicted on a child by other than accidental means." [Ref. s. 48.02(1)(a), Stats.] This includes non-accidental injury inflicted by any other person. "Physical injury" includes but is not limited to lacerations, fractured bones, burns, internal injuries, severe or frequent bruising or great bodily harm, as defined in s. 939.22(14)." [Ref. s. 48.02(14g), Stats.]

Sexual abuse is defined by cross-referencing several crimes in other sections of the statutes. These crimes and the child maltreatment reporting laws can be found in Appendix B. Briefly, sexual abuse includes the following:

- any person having sexual intercourse or sexual contact with a child 15 years of age or less;
- any person having sexual intercourse with a 16- or 17-year old child without his or her consent;
- any person inducing a child to engage in sexually explicit conduct in order to videotape, photograph, etc., that child or videotaping, photographing, etc., a child for such purposes, or producing, distributing, selling or otherwise

profiting from such a videotape, photograph, etc.;

- a person responsible for a child's welfare encouraging or permitting the child to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of videotaping, photographing, etc.;
- any person causing a child to view or listen to sexual activity;
- any person exposing genitals to a child; and/or
- any person permitting or encouraging a child to engage in prostitution.

Emotional abuse is defined as "Emotional damage for which the child's parent, guardian or legal custodian has neglected, refused or been unable for reasons other than poverty to obtain the necessary treatment or to take steps to ameliorate the symptoms." [Ref. s. 48.02(1)(gm), Stats.]

The definitions of child neglect and emotional abuse involve failure on the part of parents or other persons responsible for a child to provide necessary care for a child. In most cases, the parties involved are family members and solutions involve interventions with the family. In some of these cases, court intervention is required to assure safety and order services for the family.

The definitions of physical abuse and sexual abuse include harm to a child by any other person. Therefore, physical or sexual abuse of a child by a parent is included, as are assaults by strangers, persons unrelated to a child's family, and peers. In cases where the child is harmed by someone outside of the family, interventions with the family do not provide all of the solutions. In many of these cases, law enforcement involvement through the criminal system is necessary to intervene with the person who harmed the child.

Because public perception of what constitutes child maltreatment generally is limited to harm caused by

a child's parents or other family or household member, it is important to understand that statistics in Wisconsin include physical injury to a child or sexual contact with a child by any person. The category where the data is most influenced by non-familial maltreatment is the category of sexual abuse. Wisconsin totals include a number of cases of sexual assault by peers (from unwanted touching to "date rape"). Tables in the report show totals that allow the reader to distinguish between abuse of a child by a caregiver and assault of a child by another person.

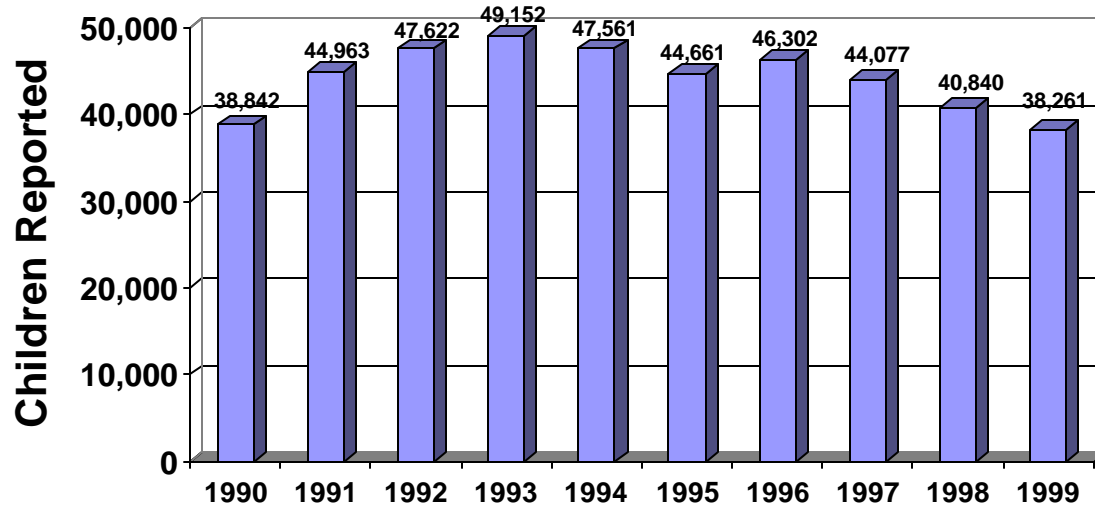
Sexual abuse also includes mutual sexual activity between minors if at least one of the minors is less than 16 years of age. The fact that no coercion, exploitation or assault was involved is irrelevant under Wisconsin statutes.

The total number of cases of mutual sexual activity involving a minor under 16 years of age has been removed from the child maltreatment totals on some of the graphs and tables. These cases range from reports of pre-schoolers who inappropriately touch other pre-schoolers to reports of teenagers who are sexually active. Tables and graphs are clearly identified as to whether these cases are included in the totals.

Information in this report reflects data from CY 1999. The 1999 data includes some cases in which the alleged maltreatment occurred in a previous year but was reported and assessed in 1999. Information is relayed almost entirely through graphs and tables. Totals cited in graphs, tables and text throughout this report may not always be consistent because more than one type of maltreatment may be associated with one child, more than one maltreater may be involved with a child, and more than one reporter may be associated with a specific maltreatment report.

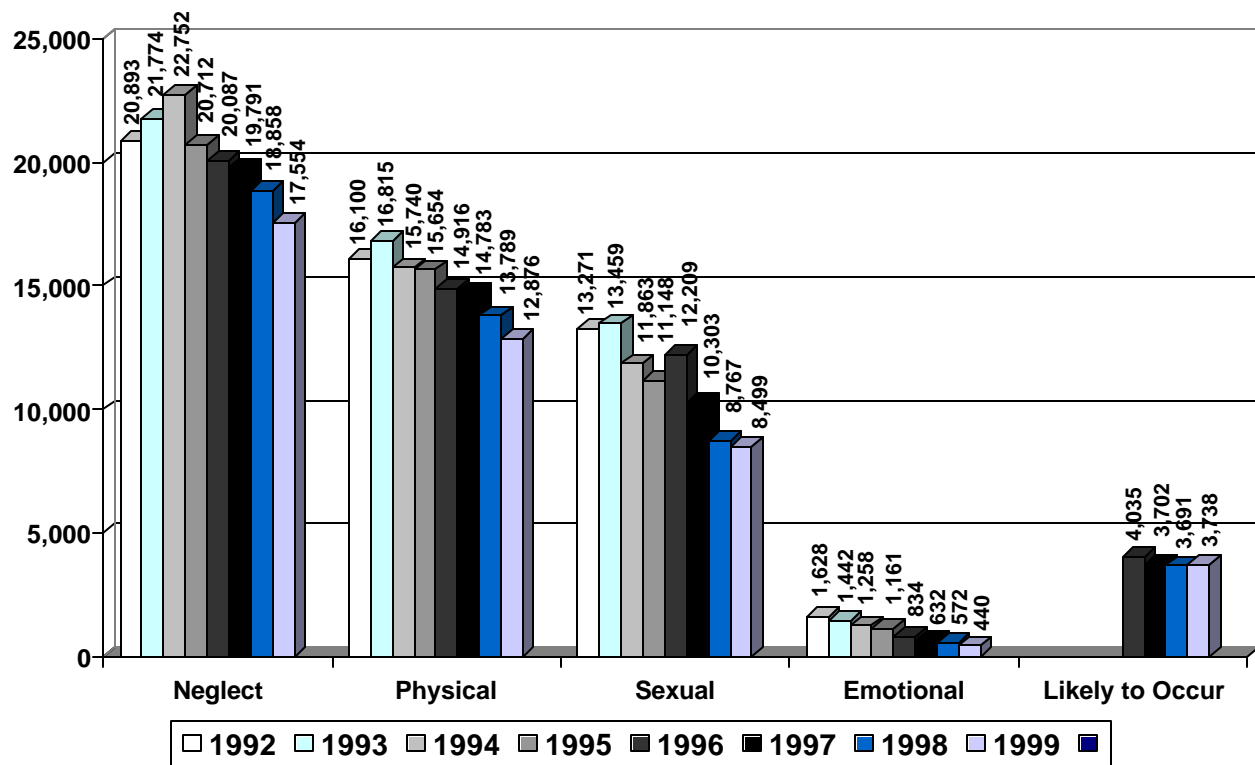
## HISTORICAL TRENDS

**FIGURE 1 NUMBER OF REPORTS OF CHILD MALTREATMENT LAST 10 YEARS \***



\* Note: Totals for 1997, 1998 & 1999 do not include reports of mutual sexual activity

**FIGURE 2 REPORTS BY TYPE OF ALLEGATION FOR 1992-1999 \***



\* Note: Totals for sexual abuse for 1997, 1998 & 1999 do not include reports of mutual sexual activity

# CHILD MALTREATMENT

## REPORTERS OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT AND THE INVESTIGATION ASSESSMENT

Certain individuals whose employment brings them into contact with children are required by law to report any suspected abuse or neglect to a child seen in the course of their professional duties. Anyone who suspects a child is being maltreated may make such a referral. Persons making reports in good faith are immune from criminal or civil liability. Table 1 describes the profession or relationship to the child of persons who reported suspected child maltreatment in 1999.

Wisconsin's decentralized reporting system allows any concerned individual to report suspected abuse or neglect directly to an agency or local law enforcement. (See listing of where to report in Appendix A.) Any report received by law enforcement officials must subsequently be referred to the local agency.

Upon receiving a report, the agency must first determine if the information constitutes an allegation of child maltreatment or threatened harm as defined by the statutes. If the report is screened in as an appropriate concern of child maltreatment, the Child Protective Services (CPS) worker in the agency must initiate an investigation assessment within 24 hours after the receipt of the report and complete it within 60 days. Reports which suggest a child is in current or imminent danger receive an immediate response.

The focus of the CPS assessment is not to establish legal culpability (cases are referred to law enforcement and then possibly to court for that purpose),

but to assure the child's safety and to determine whether the child and family are in need of any services. The investigation assessment must be conducted in accordance with standards established by the Wisconsin Department of Health & Family Services. Established in September of 1994, the Child Protective Service Investigation Standards recognize that the CPS role must differ in cases of familial and nonfamilial maltreatment.

In cases of familial maltreatment, the investigation assessment includes an interview with and observation of the child, a visit to the home, an interview with any siblings and an interview with the parents. Decisions which must be made include whether the child is safe, whether risk conditions are present, whether maltreatment occurred and whether the family is in need of services to assure the safety and well-being of the child. Many elements enter into the decision-making process: the child's functioning and ability to communicate, characteristics and behaviors of the parents, physical evidence, functioning of the family, and the absence or presence of stressful family circumstances.

In response to reports of maltreatment by individuals outside the family, the CPS role is to support the parents and other appropriate adults in meeting the child's needs. Respect for the privacy, values and rights of each family member underlies all aspects of investigative procedures. (See Appendix B, Child Maltreatment Related Statutes, for statutory definitions of child abuse and neglect in Wisconsin and for categories of persons required to report child abuse and neglect.)

**TABLE 1**  
**REPORTER'S PROFESSION OR RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD - 1999**

<b>Reporter</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Teacher	2424	5.8
School Counselor	3692	8.8
School Administrator	1195	2.8
Mental Health Professional	1977	4.7
Social Worker	5709	13.6
Public Assistance Worker	450	1.1
AODA Counselor	67	0.2
Daycare Center Staff	444	1.1
Home Daycare Provider	120	0.3
Physician	554	1.3
Nurse	1049	2.5
Coroner or Medical Examiner	22	0.1
Dentist	11	0
Physical Therapist	18	0
Occupational Therapist	23	0.1
Speech Therapist	26	0.1
Emergency Medical Technician	21	0.1
Ambulance Attendant	13	0
Other Medical Professional	409	1.0
Child Caring Institution Staff	157	0.4
Law Enforcement	7995	19.1
Maltreater	71	0.2
Child Victim	442	1.1
Parent of Child Victim	3827	9.1
Grandparent of Victim	1415	3.4
Other Relative of Child Victim	1736	4.1
Other Caregiver of Child Victim	384	0.9
Neighbor/Friend	2682	6.4
Anonymous	2509	6.0
Other*	2361	5.6

\* "Other" includes acupuncturists, chiropractors, dietitians, and other categories not listed individually.

## CASE FINDINGS

Upon completion of an investigation assessment, the agency must determine whether abuse or neglect has occurred or is likely to occur. Case findings for allegations that maltreatment has occurred are "substantiated" and "unsubstantiated." Case findings for allegations that abuse or neglect is likely to occur are "likely to occur" and "not found likely to occur."

For both types of cases, a third finding may be used: "not able to locate sources of information and/or subjects of the report – unsubstantiated." This finding is to be used only when the agency is unable to locate critical family members or others involved in the report, making it impossible to gather the information needed to make a determination.

Prior to 1996, there were three different case findings: "substantiated", "unsubstantiated" and "not able to substantiate." These case findings were used for allegations that abuse or neglect occurred, as well as for allegations that abuse or neglect was likely to occur. Therefore, whereas in previous years "substantiated" cases included both types of allegations, beginning in 1996, "substantiated" cases refer only to cases where maltreatment has occurred.

The agency can determine that abuse or neglect has occurred or is likely to occur without making a formal finding that a particular person has maltreated or will maltreat a child. Therefore, the agency can identify and respond to children in need of protection or services even when a specific maltreater cannot be positively identified.

After conducting a thorough investigation assessment, the CPS worker must make the above

determination based upon a preponderance of the evidence. A preponderance of evidence is a lower standard of evidence than needed for proof for juvenile or criminal court procedures. Therefore, a CPS worker may have sufficient information to substantiate an alleged child abuse or neglect case, but there may not be sufficient evidence for a juvenile court finding of Child in Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS) or for criminal court prosecution because of the higher burden of proof required.

A determination is made for each child and each type of alleged abuse or neglect. The agency must also determine whether the child or any member of the child's family is in need of services. This is the critical decision for CPS. The need for services is based more upon identifying children who are unsafe (in imminent danger) and children who are at risk of maltreatment than on the substantiation decision.

Unsubstantiated cases sometimes involve families where parents' care for their children is beginning to deteriorate because of life stresses or crises that they are having difficulty handling. Agencies often are able to assist these families in accessing other community resources and in receiving needed support before the family's problems become critical.

The variance in the county substantiation rate (Table 2) is affected by a number of factors, including the quality of information gathered at phone intake, the screening criteria and rates, the quality of information gathered during the investigation assessment, prevailing community standards, and worker and agency judgment.

Figure 3

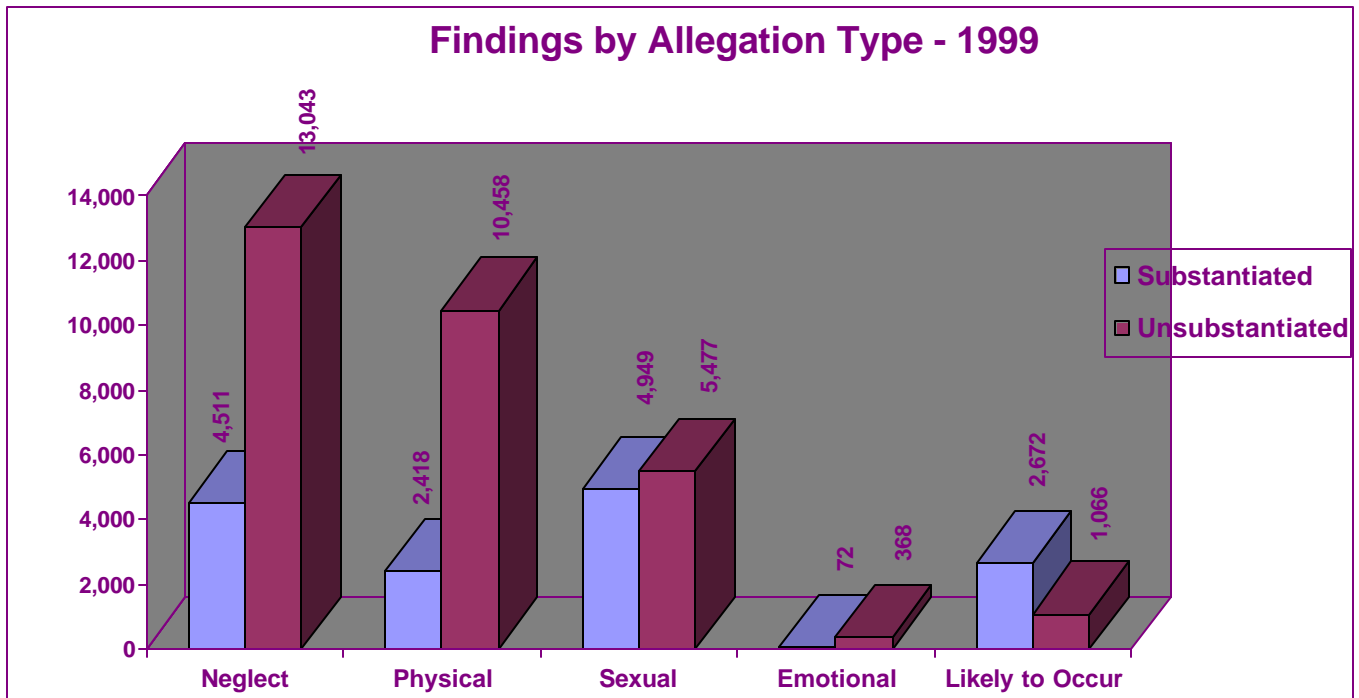
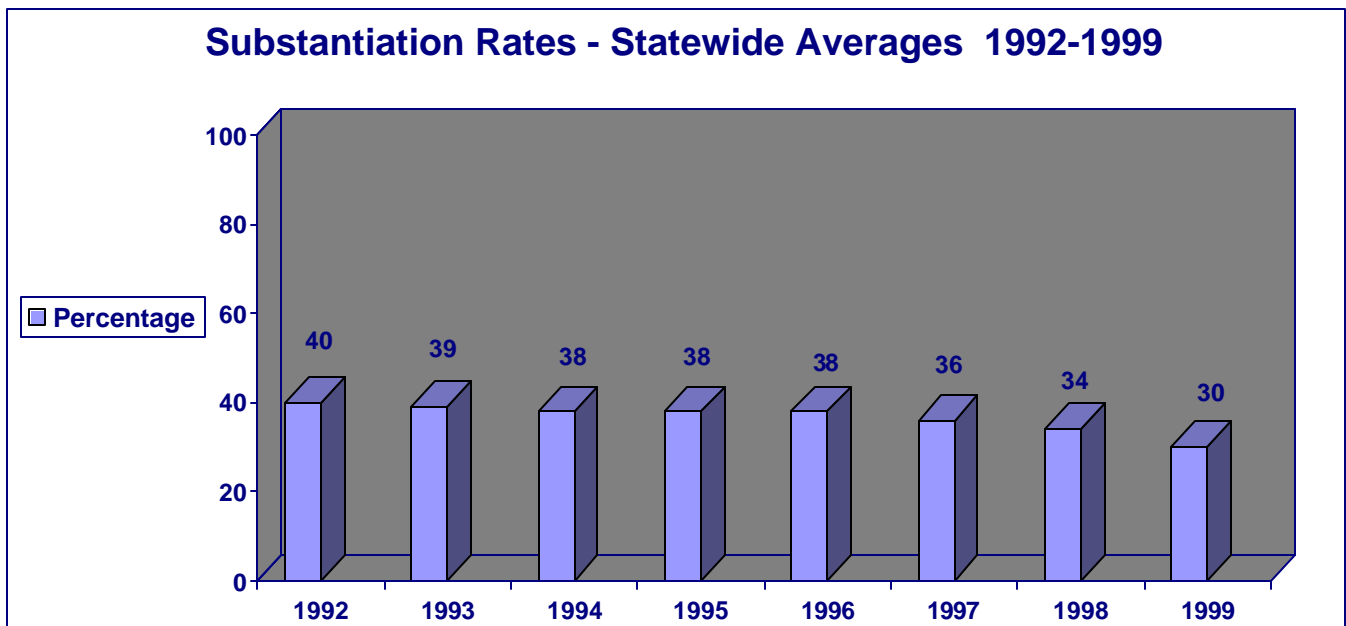


Figure 4



**TABLE 2****MALTREATMENT REPORTS BY COUNTY BY POPULATION - 1999**

County	Child Population **	Total Children Reported	Reports * per 1000 Population	Abuse/Neglect Found Likely to Occur	Maltreatment Substantiations	Maltreatment Substantiation Rate
ADAMS	3,808	105	27.6	1	43	41.0%
ASHLAND	4,573	102	22.3	0	44	43.1%
BARRON	12,018	404	33.6	31	112	27.7%
BAYFIELD	3,909	71	18.2	0	25	35.2%
BROWN	60,034	597	9.9	31	290	48.6%
BUFFALO	3,745	32	8.5	1	16	50.0%
BURNETT	3,520	162	46.0	16	49	30.2%
CALUMET	12,020	239	19.9	6	86	36.0%
CHIPPEWA	15,642	266	17.0	3	96	36.1%
CLARK	9,905	135	13.6	3	61	45.2%
COLUMBIA	13,101	396	30.2	98	129	32.6%
CRAWFORD	4,831	122	25.3	13	51	41.8%
DANE	94,958	1,424	15.0	109	387	27.2%
DODGE	22,495	439	19.5	4	101	23.0%
DOOR	6,885	71	10.3	4	22	31.0%
DOUGLAS	10,820	663	61.3	80	114	17.2%
DUNN	9,514	188	19.8	0	61	32.4%
EAU CLAIRE	22,709	430	18.9	30	141	32.8%
FLORENCE	1,350	69	51.1	5	21	30.4%
FOND DU LAC	26,362	686	26.0	250	228	33.2%
FOREST	2,538	132	52.0	16	44	33.3%
GRANT	13,286	475	35.8	72	142	29.9%
GREEN	8,783	292	33.2	0	84	28.8%
GREEN LAKE	5,085	131	25.8	19	31	23.7%
IOWA	6,310	189	30.0	3	37	19.6%
IRON	1,352	17	12.6	0	10	58.8%
JACKSON	5,055	72	14.2	6	24	33.3%
JEFFERSON	19,232	445	23.1	42	204	45.8%
JUNEAU	6,419	139	21.7	2	21	15.1%
KENOSHA	38,127	797	20.9	9	259	32.5%
KEWAUNEE	5,643	50	8.9	0	24	48.0%
LA CROSSE	26,415	816	30.9	85	198	24.3%
LAFAYETTE	4,731	131	27.7	2	32	24.4%
LANGLADE	5,504	472	85.8	8	201	42.6%
LINCOLN	7,840	298	38.0	8	77	25.8%
MANITOWOC	22,463	1,134	50.5	125	182	16.0%
MARATHON	35,610	1,057	29.7	60	364	34.4%
MARINETTE	11,521	246	21.4	12	70	28.5%
MARQUETTE	3,404	43	12.6	9	26	60.5%
MENOMINEE	1,915	117	61.1	35	22	18.8%
MILWAUKEE	245,119	11,981	48.9	62	4,057	33.9%

TABLE 2, CONTINUED

County	Child Population **	Total Children Reported	Reports * per 1000 Population	Abuse/Neglect Found Likely to Occur	Maltreatment Substantiations	Maltreatment Substantiation Rate
MONROE	11,430	406	35.5	99	113	27.8%
OCONTO	9,180	473	51.5	42	100	21.1%
ONEIDA	8,261	389	47.1	13	164	42.2%
OUTAGAMIE	45,079	1,388	30.8	25	306	22.0%
OZAUKEE	21,856	365	16.7	100	103	28.2%
PEPIN	2,097	58	27.7	0	30	51.7%
PIERCE	9,451	265	28.0	15	79	29.8%
POLK	10,703	260	24.3	53	67	25.8%
PORTAGE	17,440	207	11.9	7	72	34.8%
PRICE	4,344	66	15.2	34	13	19.7%
RACINE	52,443	1,049	20.0	14	372	35.5%
RICHLAND	4,839	37	7.6	2	13	35.1%
ROCK	40,879	2,793	68.3	395	393	14.1%
RUSK	4,225	150	35.5	8	35	23.3%
ST CROIX	17,631	383	21.7	36	75	19.6%
SAUK	14,352	461	32.1	76	149	32.3%
SAWYER	4,099	155	37.8	21	27	17.4%
SHAWANO	10,494	267	25.4	3	42	15.7%
SHEBOYGAN	30,068	1,193	39.7	146	257	21.5%
TAYLOR	5,910	197	33.3	16	88	44.7%
TREMPEALEAU	6,874	262	38.1	3	43	16.4%
VERNON	7,344	33	4	1	13	39.4%
VILAS	4,357	64	14.7	2	25	39.1%
WALWORTH	20,616	351	17.0	6	108	30.8%
WASHBURN	3,902	176	45.1	2	31	17.6%
WASHINGTON	32,288	343	10.6	21	98	28.6%
WAUKESHA	95,809	837	8.7	178	375	44.8%
WAUPACA	13,455	222	16.5	6	79	35.6%
WAUSHARA	5,212	209	40.1	13	43	20.6%
WINNEBAGO	37,248	947	25.4	11	272	28.7%
WOOD	21,752	547	25.1	64	179	32.7%
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>1,392,189</b>	<b>40,188</b>	<b>28.9</b> Per 1000	<b>2,672</b>	<b>11,937</b>	<b>29.7%</b>

\* The term "report" actually refers to a count of children suspected of being maltreated. A child maltreatment case, which is documented on a child maltreatment form, may include more than one maltreatment victim, and there may be more than one allegation per victim. In this table, the category "Maltreatment Substantiations" does not include cases with the finding "Abuse/Neglect Found Likely to Occur." Reports of mutual sexual activity are included in the totals in this table.

\*\* Source: Population estimates for January 1, 1999, (age 17 and under), Wis. Department of Administration

**TABLE 3**  
**REPORTS BY COUNTY BY TYPE OF ALLEGATION - 1999**

COUNTY	TOTAL REPORTS	ALLEGATIONS BY TYPE																			
		PHYSICAL ABUSE				SEXUAL ABUSE				NEGLECT				EMOTIONAL ABUSE				LIKELY TO OCCUR			
		S	U	N	Total	S	U	N	Total	S	U	N	Total	S	U	N	Total	S	NF	N	Total
ADAMS	105	8	23	1	32	30	26	5	61	5	9	0	14	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
ASHLAND	102	5	21	3	29	34	13	2	49	5	20	1	26	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
BARRON	404	32	119	0	151	71	97	2	170	7	88	4	99	2	6	0	8	31	3	0	34
BAYFIELD	71	6	16	1	23	18	10	6	34	1	8	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
BROWN	597	43	96	1	140	147	102	7	256	100	92	3	195	0	0	0	0	31	1	0	32
BUFFALO	32	5	5	0	10	11	10	0	21	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
BURNETT	162	6	42	1	49	22	34	2	58	21	39	1	61	0	1	0	1	16	1	1	18
CALUMET	239	13	69	1	83	51	35	2	88	22	62	0	84	0	4	0	4	6	1	0	7
CHIPPEWA	266	6	55	0	61	77	38	2	117	13	69	6	88	0	1	0	1	3	2	1	6
CLARK	135	15	27	0	42	41	30	1	72	5	10	0	15	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	4
COLUMBIA	396	30	83	1	114	66	43	4	113	32	79	0	111	1	1	0	2	98	34	1	133
CRAWFORD	122	15	28	0	43	27	22	2	51	9	15	1	25	0	4	0	4	13	0	0	13
DANE	1,424	61	408	7	476	158	187	11	356	163	424	10	597	5	9	0	14	109	85	4	198
DODGE	439	18	110	4	132	62	59	9	130	21	160	6	187	0	2	0	2	4	1	2	7
DOOR	71	5	21	0	26	16	11	6	33	1	14	2	17	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4
DOUGLAS	663	17	123	7	147	84	97	16	197	13	196	12	221	0	2	0	2	80	93	3	176
DUNN	188	16	57	0	73	34	39	3	76	11	37	0	48	0	2	0	2	0	0	1	1
EAU CLAIRE	430	22	81	0	103	86	64	9	159	33	73	8	114	0	1	0	1	30	39	0	69
FLORENCE	69	3	14	1	18	3	13	0	16	15	15	1	31	0	3	1	4	5	3	3	11
FOND DU LAC	686	36	184	1	221	106	146	2	254	85	155	5	245	1	1	0	2	250	0	5	255
FOREST	132	9	30	0	39	11	23	2	36	24	32	0	56	0	4	0	4	16	0	0	16
GRANT	475	30	109	2	141	72	73	3	148	40	146	7	193	0	2	0	2	72	0	0	72
GREEN	292	27	98	0	125	36	29	1	66	21	89	0	110	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GREEN LAKE	131	4	24	4	32	19	11	1	31	8	38	6	52	0	0	1	1	19	0	2	21
IOWA	189	15	53	0	68	15	40	1	56	7	72	2	81	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	5
IRON	17	5	1	0	6	5	5	0	10	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JACKSON	72	4	15	4	23	7	15	2	24	13	10	0	23	0	0	0	0	6	2	0	8
JEFFERSON	445	27	79	1	107	125	69	1	195	52	87	5	144	0	1	0	1	42	0	4	46
JUNEAU	139	7	34	1	42	8	12	5	25	6	60	9	75	0	4	1	5	2	0	0	2
KENOSHA	797	103	268	8	379	56	66	5	127	100	220	1	321	0	7	0	7	9	6	3	18
KEWAUNEE	50	5	10	0	15	19	12	2	33	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LA CROSSE	816	44	194	7	245	86	80	10	176	67	335	12	414	1	14	1	16	85	4	1	90
LAFAYETTE	131	6	43	2	51	21	18	5	44	5	35	0	40	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	2
LANGLADE	472	25	90	8	123	52	69	16	137	123	109	5	237	1	5	5	11	8	0	0	8
LINCOLN	298	11	90	2	103	34	62	3	99	32	75	4	111	0	1	0	1	8	0	0	8
MANITOWOC	1,134	20	345	2	367	106	188	5	299	56	468	6	530	0	32	0	32	125	28	0	153
MARATHON	1,057	80	300	8	388	177	146	9	332	100	245	0	345	7	12	0	19	60	1	9	70
MARINETTE	246	5	61	1	67	37	41	17	95	28	75	1	104	0	5	0	5	12	0	0	12
MARQUETTE	43	13	14	2	29	3	2	0	5	10	1	2	13	0	0	0	0	9	2	0	11
MILWAUKEE	11,981	962	2,745	344	4051	699	644	223	1566	2367	4012	744	7123	29	27	6	62	62	48	22	132

TABLE 3, CONTINUED

ALLEGATIONS BY TYPE																					
COUNTY	TOTAL REPORTS	PHYSICAL ABUSE				SEXUAL ABUSE				NEGLECT				EMOTIONAL ABUSE				LIKELY TO OCCUR			
		S	U	N	Total	S	U	N	Total	S	U	N	Total	S	U	N	Total	S	NF	N	Total
MONROE	406	27	109	1	137	34	39	1	74	52	123	5	180	0	5	0	5	99	28	0	127
OCONTO	473	22	106	2	130	76	94	4	174	2	166	0	168	0	2	0	2	42	12	0	54
ONEIDA	389	24	48	10	82	86	73	21	180	54	73	6	133	0	3	0	3	13	1	0	14
OUTAGAMIE	1,388	38	428	6	472	200	209	4	413	67	460	19	546	1	24	0	25	25	9	5	39
OZAUKEE	365	17	93	1	111	59	46	10	115	27	99	8	134	0	13	0	13	100	21	0	121
PEPIN	58	6	11	0	17	4	4	0	8	20	16	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PIERCE	265	16	81	8	105	50	44	5	99	13	55	3	71	0	0	0	0	15	3	0	18
POLK	260	23	80	5	108	34	29	5	68	9	80	2	91	1	4	1	6	53	89	1	143
PORTAGE	207	10	48	0	58	44	45	4	93	17	35	5	57	1	1	0	2	7	4	0	11
PRICE	66	4	23	0	27	8	13	1	22	1	8	0	9	0	2	0	2	34	1	0	35
RACINE	1,049	60	239	10	309	247	162	23	432	65	216	6	287	0	1	0	1	14	11	8	33
RICHLAND	37	4	9	1	14	9	10	1	20	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3
ROCK	2,793	86	788	28	902	175	370	50	595	132	997	37	1166	0	57	1	58	395	319	16	730
RUSK	150	9	45	0	54	19	26	0	45	6	39	0	45	1	1	0	2	8	0	0	8
ST CROIX	383	6	95	7	108	59	49	12	120	9	138	2	149	1	0	1	2	36	0	0	36
SAUK	461	32	123	1	156	72	43	2	117	36	167	1	204	9	9	0	18	76	9	4	89
SAWYER	155	1	38	4	43	16	18	0	34	10	47	7	64	0	1	0	1	21	2	2	25
SHAWANO	267	3	83	1	87	35	45	1	81	4	114	1	119	0	0	0	0	3	5	0	8
SHEBOYGAN	1,193	35	260	2	297	149	202	14	365	72	484	15	571	1	23	0	24	146	2	0	148
TAYLOR	197	16	42	0	58	65	34	0	99	6	38	0	44	1	2	0	3	16	6	1	23
TREMPEALEA	262	6	87	1	94	36	26	1	63	1	95	10	106	0	6	0	6	3	3	0	6
VERNON	33	5	8	0	13	8	4	0	12	0	7	1	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
VILAS	64	5	17	1	23	18	11	0	29	2	5	0	7	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3
WALWORTH	351	27	64	0	91	56	74	3	133	24	109	0	133	1	2	0	3	6	0	0	6
WASHBURN	176	5	44	4	53	14	20	1	35	12	71	7	90	0	4	0	4	2	1	4	7
WASHINGTON	343	15	108	1	124	67	66	14	147	14	52	2	68	2	3	0	5	21	2	2	25
WAUKESHA	837	45	147	1	193	234	90	2	326	96	107	0	203	0	1	0	1	178	30	0	208
WAUPACA	222	20	58	0	78	45	29	2	76	13	68	0	81	1	0	0	1	6	1	1	8
WAUSHARA	209	4	79	3	86	32	19	1	52	7	68	7	82	0	1	3	4	13	0	0	13
WINNEBAGO	947	33	220	9	262	165	173	31	369	72	251	7	330	2	25	2	29	11	34	0	45
WOOD	547	43	137	3	183	90	80	12	182	43	136	5	184	3	1	0	4	64	2	1	67
MENOMINEE	117	7	18	2	27	11	19	3	33	4	15	1	20	0	2	0	2	35	0	1	36
STATE TOTALS	40188	2418	9921	537	12876	4949	4847	630	10426	4511	12021	1022	17554	72	345	23	440	2672	957	109	3738

\*The sum of the totals of each type of allegation may exceed the total number of reports because there may be more than one allegation per report. The totals for sexual abuse include cases of mutual sexual activity.

#### Legend

S = Substantiated  
U = Unsubstantiated

N = Not Able to Locate Sources of Information/Unsubstantiated  
NF = Not Found Likely to Occur

## CHARACTERISTICS OF MALTREATED CHILDREN

Figure 5

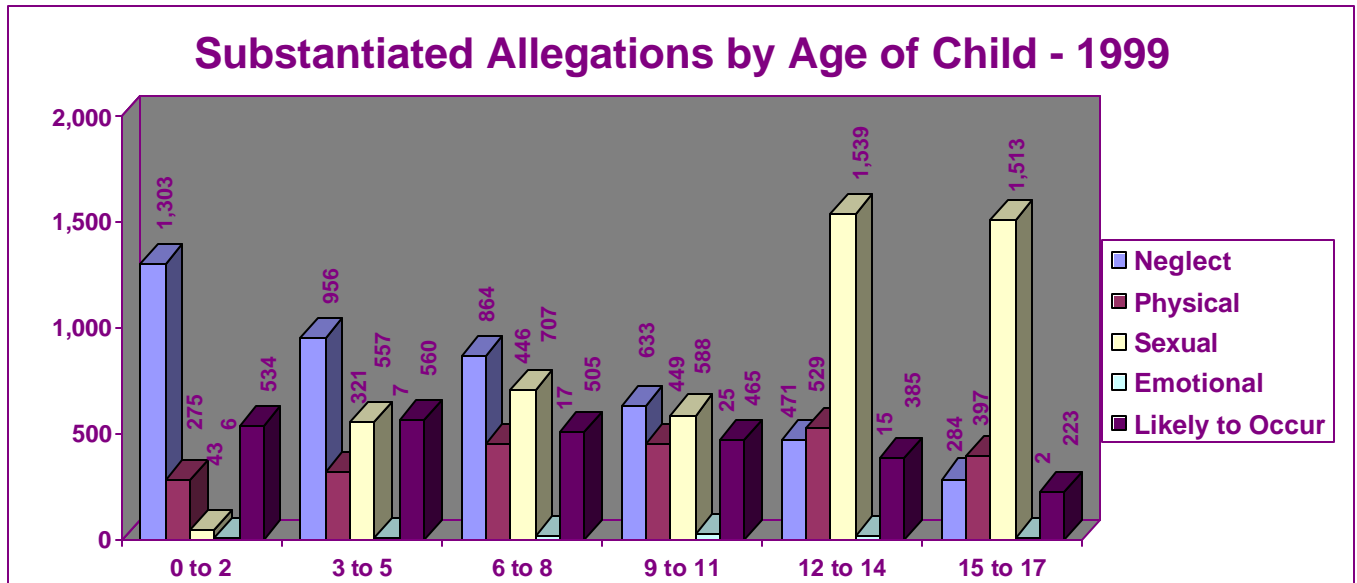
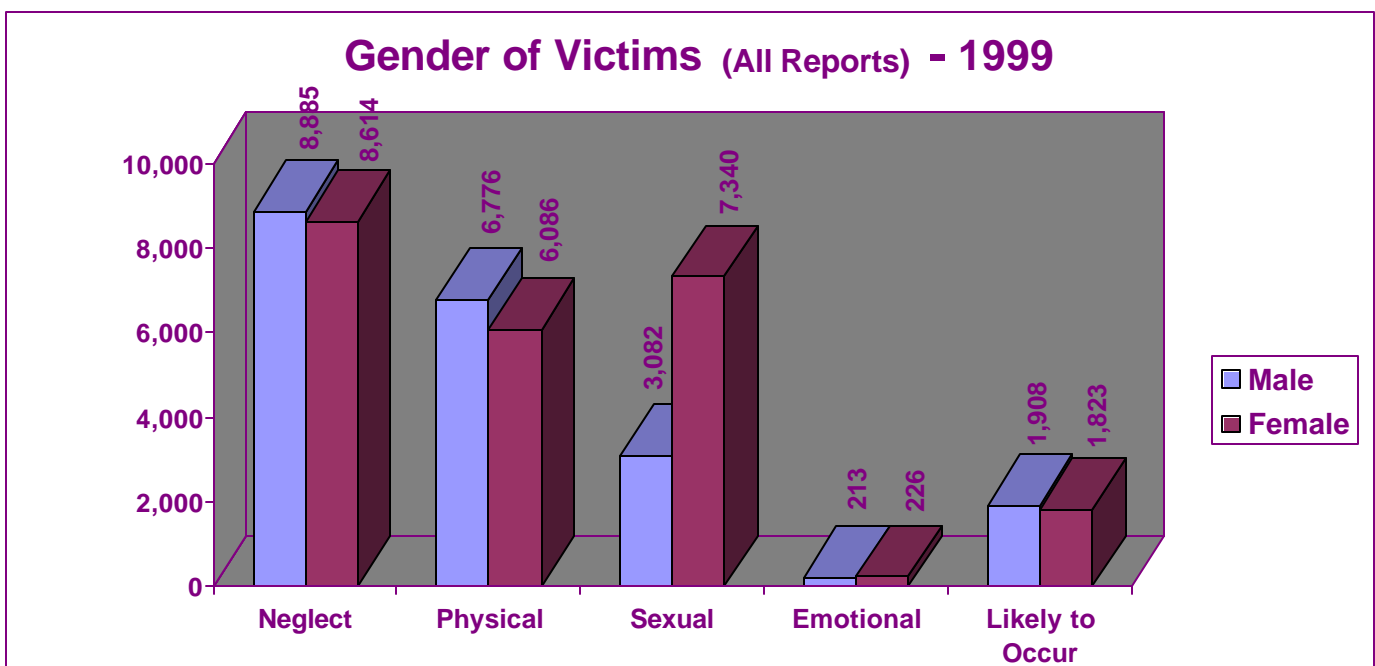


Figure 6



**TABLE 4**  
**VICTIM RACE BY TYPE OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT (ALL REPORTS) - 1999**

Race of Victim	Neglect		Physical Abuse		Sexual Abuse		Emotional Abuse		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.
ASIAN	417	2.4	317	2.5	156	1.5	13	3.0	903
BLACK	5,662	32.3	2,892	22.5	1,273	12.2	58	13.2	9,885
HISPANIC	1,004	5.7	709	5.5	429	4.1	10	2.3	2,152
AMERICAN INDIAN	443	2.5	279	2.2	228	2.2	14	3.2	964
WHITE	9,746	55.5	8,492	66.0	8,080	77.5	342	77.7	26,660
UNKNOWN	282	1.6	187	1.5	260	2.5	3	0.7	732
TOTAL	17,554	100	12,876	100	10,426	100	440	100	41,296

## FATALITIES

The death of a child is one of the most tragic consequences of abuse and neglect. The role of Child Protective Services in the case of death by abuse or neglect is to assure the safety of any other children present in the family and to assess the family's need

for services. Investigations of the death are generally handled by law enforcement agencies. There were 11 substantiated cases of a child having died from maltreatment in 1999, as reported by agencies to the Department of Health and Family Services.

**TABLE 5.**  
**PROFILE OF SUBSTANTIATED CHILD FATALITIES - 1999**

County	Report Type	CHILD			MALTREATER			
		Age	Sex	Race	Age	Sex	Race	Relationship to child
Burnett	Physical Abuse	2	M	W	U	U	U	Unknown
Dane	Physical Abuse	14	F	W	12	M	B	Peer Maltreater
Dane	Physical Abuse	1	F	B	19	M	B	Unrelated Person in Home
Dane	Physical Abuse	1	F	H	29	M	H	Unrelated Person in Home
Grant	Neglect	0	M	W	17	F	W	Parent
Kenosha	Physical Abuse	2	M	B	37	F	B	Other Primary Caregiver
Marathon	Physical Abuse	0	M	W	23	M	W	Parent
Milwaukee	Neglect	0	M	B	21	F	B	Parent
Milwaukee	Physical Abuse	0	M	B	24	M	B	Parent
Sauk	Physical Abuse	3	F	W	23	F	W	Non-certified Family Home Provider
Waukesha	Neglect	0	M	W	34	M	W	Parent

**Sex/Race**

F - Female

M - Male

W - White

B - Black

I - American Indian

H - Hispanic

U - Unknown

## CHARACTERISTICS OF MALTREATERS

When the agency makes a determination that a report of maltreatment is substantiated, the determination does not necessarily include a specific finding as to who maltreated the child. However, in the course of the investigation assessment, the agency worker often makes judgments about who has harmed or is failing to protect a child as part of assessing the child's safety needs. In this report, statistical data collected regarding assumed maltreaters reflects social worker judgments rather than legal determinations that a person has maltreated a child.

Cases of mutual sexual activity are not included in this table as there is no maltreater in such cases. By definition, the sexual activity involved is mutual. These cases include children 15 years old or younger who engage in sexual contact or intercourse as defined by the statutes, but where there is no coercion, exploitation or assaultive behavior involved. There were 1,927 such cases reported in 1999.

**TABLE 6**  
**ASSUMED MALTREATOR RACE BY TYPE OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT (ALL REPORTS) - 1999**

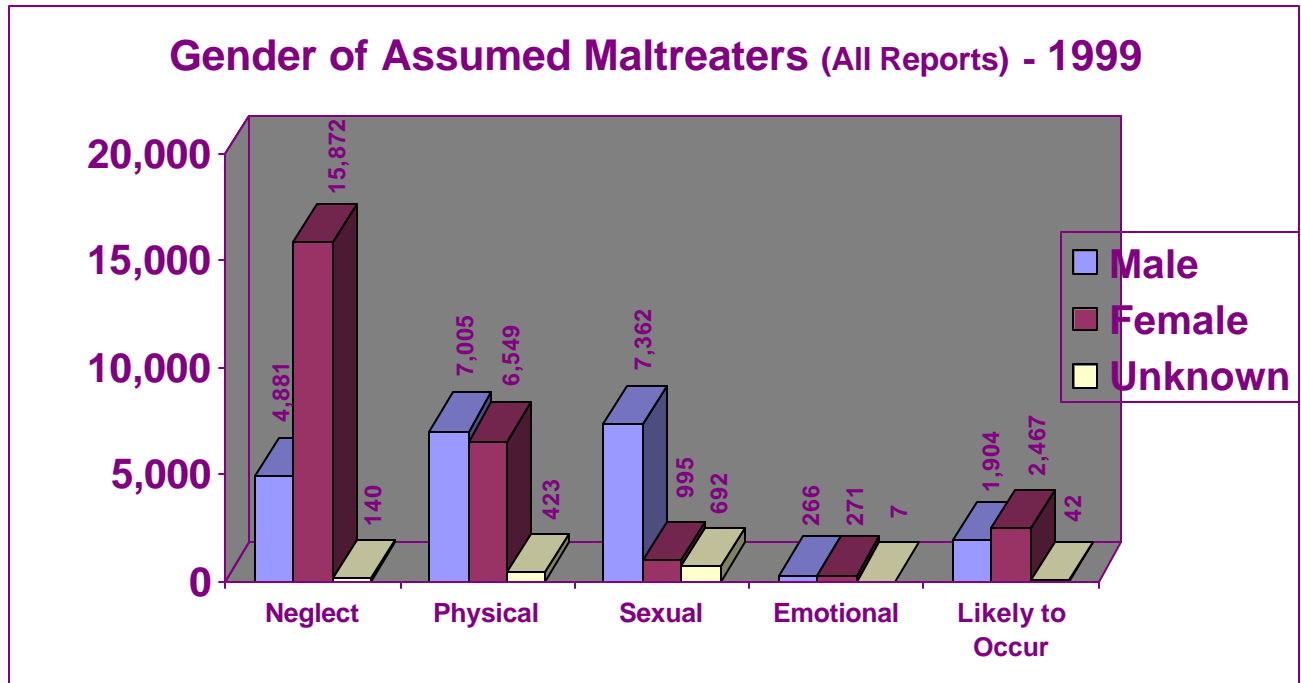
Race of Maltreater	Neglect		Physical Abuse		Sexual Abuse		Emotional Abuse		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.
ASIAN	535	2.6	311	2.2	123	1.4	21	3.9	990
BLACK	5,607	26.8	2,885	20.6	1,014	11.2	64	11.8	9,570
HISPANIC	994	4.8	711	5.1	477	5.3	17	3.1	2,199
AMERICAN INDIAN	465	2.2	232	1.7	149	1.6	14	2.6	860
WHITE	12,831	61.4	9,057	64.8	5,850	64.6	417	76.7	28,155
UNKNOWN	461	2.2	781	5.6	1,436	15.9	11	2.0	2,689
TOTAL	20,893	100	13,977	100	9,049	100	544	100	44,463

TABLE 7

## RELATIONSHIP OF ASSUMED MALTREATER TO CHILD (SUBSTANTIATED REPORTS) - 1999

	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL	SEXUAL	EMOTIONAL	LIKELY TO OCCUR	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
<b>PRIMARY CAREGIVERS</b>							
Parent/Step Parent	4,845	1,747	338	69	2,643	9642	65.80%
Partner or Friend Sharing Dwelling	100	227	141	4	186	658	4.49%
Siblings/Step-siblings	7	96	268		60	431	2.94%
Relatives in Home	105	88	203	3	85	484	3.30%
Foster Parents	16	15	4	0	20	55	0.38%
Others Sharing Foster Home	0	5	21			26	0.18%
Other Primary Caregivers	19	17	17	3	11	67	0.46%
<b>PRIMARY CAREGIVERS SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>5,092</b>	<b>2,195</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>3,005</b>	<b>11,363</b>	<b>77.54%</b>
<b>SECONDARY CAREGIVERS</b>							
Licensed/Certified Child Care Provider	7	28	4	0	4	43	0.29%
Other Child Care Provider	30	13	76	0	14	133	0.91%
Teacher/Other School Employee	0	23	13	1	7	44	0.91%
Residential Facility Staff	0	12	2		1	15	0.10%
Correctional Facility Staff	0	1	0			1	0.01%
Youth Organization Staff/Volunteer	1	0	11		0	12	0.08%
Relative - Not in Home	19	38	295	2	18	372	2.54%
Other Secondary Caregivers	4	12	25		4	45	0.31%
<b>SECONDARY CAREGIVERS SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>4.54%</b>
<b>NON-CAREGIVERS</b>							
Stranger	3	5	108	0	0	116	0.79%
Neighbor	1	16	224		13	254	1.73%
Family Friend	12	38	379	1	17	447	3.05%
Peer Maltreater	2	58	844		25	929	6.34%
Other Non-Caregiver	1	31	578		20	630	4.30%
<b>NON-CAREGIVERS SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>2,133</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>2,376</b>	<b>16.21%</b>
<b>UNKNOWN</b>							
	<b>20</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>1.71%</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5,192</b>	<b>2,527</b>	<b>3,709</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>3,141</b>	<b>14,654</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Figure 7



## SERVICE TO FAMILIES

If a child is determined to be unsafe, the county agency provides services designed to control those conditions making the child unsafe. "Safety services" are provided in the home whenever possible, to maintain and support the family unit. If in-home services would be insufficient to assure the safety of the child, every effort is made to place the child temporarily in an alternate placement. Safety services differ from treatment services in that they are not intended to change behavior or impact underlying causes of child maltreatment over the course of treatment. Rather, they must immediately control

any conditions or behaviors that place a child in danger. The addition of in-home safety services for families that come to the attention of the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare has greatly enhanced effective early intervention and response to both substantiated and unsubstantiated cases.

The following tables describe the safety services provided to families during or immediately following completion of the investigation assessment. Treatment services, provided to families later during the course of treatment, are not reflected here. More than one safety service may be provided to a family.

**TABLE 8**  
**FAMILY SAFETY SERVICES BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT - 1999**

Safety Service Provided	Neglect		Physical		Sexual		Emotional		Likely to Occur	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Out of Home Care</b>	1,939	11.0	882	6.8	474	4.5	49	11.1	443	11.9
<b>Child Remaining in Home</b>	2,468	14.1	1,833	14.2	1,181	11.3	46	10.5	640	17.1
Supervision/observation	1,663	9.5	1,028	8.0	530	5.1	34	7.7	381	10.2
AODA services	700	4.0	164	1.3	50	0.5	12	2.7	123	3.3
Mental Health services	650	3.7	699	5.4	699	6.7	25	5.7	208	5.6
Hospitalization	13	0.1	15	0.1	8	0.1	1	0.2	10	0.3
Medical care	196	1.1	57	0.4	102	1.0	0	0	10	0.3
Day Care	268	1.5	79	0.6	23	0.2	0	0	48	1.3
Respite Care	166	0.9	140	1.1	27	0.3	6	1.4	81	2.2
Child-oriented activity	211	1.2	166	1.3	55	0.5	1	0.2	18	0.5
Unique child condition service	39	0.2	26	0.2	31	0.3	00	0.0	6	0.2
Basic home mgmt./life skills	579	3.3	120	0.9	63	0.6	2	0.5	74	2.0
Basic parenting assistance- Parent-aide	1,209	6.9	723	5.6	165	1.6	15	3.4	226	6.0
Chore services-Parent-aide	112	0.6	25	0.2	11	0.1	0	0	15	0.4
Transportation	58	0.3	15	0.1	6	0.1	1	0.2	4	0.1
Food/clothing service	133	0.8	34	0.3	6	0.1	0	0	2	0.1
Housing	378	2.2	72	0.6	17	0.2	3	0.7	29	0.8
Financial services	180	1.0	58	0.5	18	0.2	4	0.9	21	0.6
Family crisis counseling	393	2.2	549	4.3	335	3.2	18	4.1	166	4.4
Social/emotional support	484	2.8	383	3.0	199	1.9	16	3.6	164	4.4
Individual crisis counseling	330	1.9	350	2.7	381	3.7	13	3.0	99	2.6
Other service	1,172	6.7	895	7.0	691	6.6	58	13.2	413	11.0
<b>No Safety Services</b>	10,859	61.9	8,547	66.4	7,524	72.2	275	62.5	2,080	55.6

**TABLE 9**  
**INVESTIGATIVE DISPOSITIONS - 1999**

Cases may have more than one disposition. For example, a case may be referred for a CHIPS (Child in Need of Protection or Services) petition and may be referred to law enforcement. The following tables reflect multiple dispositions in some cases.

**SUBSTANTIATED NEGLECT REPORTS**

<b>Investigation Dispositions</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>%</b>
Case Closed-No additional services *	373	8.3
Case Closed-Family refused services	211	4.7
Case Closed-Referred family for community services	568	12.6
Case Closed-Cannot locate family members	75	1.7
Case Opened-Voluntary	404	9.0
Case Opened-Informal disposition	252	5.6
Case Opened-Chips petition/consent decree	2004	44.4
Other agency services	717	15.9
Case referred to law enforcement **	338	7.5
Agency initiated child abuse restraining order	1	0.0

**SUBSTANTIATED PHYSICAL ABUSE REPORTS**

<b>Investigation Dispositions</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>%</b>
Case Closed-No additional services *	407	16.8
Case Closed-Family refused services	217	9.0
Case Closed-Referred family for community services	390	16.1
Case Closed-Cannot locate family members	36	1.5
Case Opened-Voluntary	218	9.0
Case Opened-Informal disposition	118	4.9
Case Opened-CHIPS petition/consent decree	630	26.1
Other agency services	368	15.2
Case referred to law enforcement **	514	21.3
Agency initiated child abuse restraining order	13	0.5

### SUBSTANTIATED SEXUAL ABUSE REPORTS

(includes cases of mutual sexual activity)

<b>Investigation Dispositions</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>%</b>
Case Closed-No additional services *	1,379	27.9
Case Closed-Family refused services	316	6.4
Case Closed-Referred family for community services	1,678	33.9
Case Closed-Cannot locate family members	52	1.1
Case Opened-Voluntary	196	4.0
Case Opened-Informal disposition	74	1.5
Case Opened-CHIPS petition/consent decree	318	6.4
Other agency services	588	11.9
Case referred to law enforcement **	1,705	34.5
Agency initiated child abuse restraining order	9	0.2

### SUBSTANTIATED EMOTIONAL ABUSE REPORTS

<b>Investigation Dispositions</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>%</b>
Case Closed-No additional services *	9	12.5
Case Closed-Family refused services	0	0
Case Closed-Referred family for community services	8	11.1
Case Closed-Cannot locate family members	0	0
Case Opened-Voluntary	9	12.5
Case Opened-Informal disposition	1	1.4
Case Opened-CHIPS petition/consent Decree	33	45.8
Other agency services	11	15.3
Case referred to law enforcement **	24	33.3
Agency initiated child abuse restraining order	2	2.8

**REPORTS WHERE ABUSE/NEGLECT WAS FOUND LIKELY TO OCCUR**

<b>Investigation Dispositions</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>%</b>
Case Closed-No additional services *	300	11.2
Case Closed-Family refused services	483	18.1
Case Closed-Referred family for community services	585	21.9
Case Closed-Cannot locate family members	41	1.5
Case Opened-Voluntary	459	17.2
Case Opened-Informal disposition	99	3.7
Case Opened-CHIPS petition/consent decree	466	17.4
Other agency services	311	11.6
Case referred to law enforcement **	259	9.7
Agency initiated child abuse restraining order	2	0.1

\* **Note:** The CPS worker may provide brief counseling or referral services to families as part of the investigation assessment. Those services are not reflected in these tables.

\*\* **Note:** Data regarding referral to law enforcement should not be construed as a lack of law enforcement involvement. Many referrals received by the local agencies come from law enforcement. In these situations, the CPS agency often works with the law enforcement agency to respond to the referral, but the case would not be captured statistically as a referral to law enforcement.

## APPENDIX A

### WHERE TO REPORT

Listed below are the County Departments of Social Services or Human Services which receive and investigate child abuse and neglect reports. Such reports may also be made to law enforcement agencies.

Adams County Department of Health & Social Services

108 E. North Street

P.O. Box 500

Friendship WI 53934-0500

Office Hours: 608-339-3356

After Hours: 608-339-3304

Buffalo County Department of Health & Human Services

407 S. Second St.

P.O. Box 517

Alma WI 54610-0517

Office Hours: 608-685-4412

After Hours: 608-685-4433

Ashland County Department of Human Services

301 Ellis Ave.

Ashland WI 54806

Office Hours: 715-682-7004

After Hours: 715-682-7023

Burnett County Department of Health & Human Services

County Government Center

7410 County Road K #280

Siren WI 54872

Office Hours: 715-349-7600 or 715-349-2131

After Hours: 715-349-2121

Barron County Department of Human Services

330 East LaSalle Ave., Rm. 338

Barron WI 54812

Office Hours: 715-537-5691

After Hours: 715-537-3106

Calumet County Department of Human Services

206 Court Street

Chilton WI 53014

Office Hours: 920-849-1400

After Hours: 920-832-4646

Bayfield County Department of Human Services

P.O. Box 100

Washburn WI 54891-0100

Office Hours: 715-373-6144

After Hours: 715-373-6120

Chippewa County Department of Human Services

711 N. Bridge Street, Room 306

Chippewa Falls WI 54729

Office Hours: 715-726-7799

After Hours: 715-726-7830

Brown County Human Services Department

111 N. Jefferson Street

P.O. Box 22188

Green Bay WI 54305-2188

Office Hours: 920-448-6035

After Hours: 920-448-3200

Clark County Department of Social Services

517 Court Street, P.O. Box 190

Neillsville WI 54456

Office Hours: 715-743-5233

After Hours: 715-743-3157

Columbia County Department of Human Services  
 711 E. Cook Street, P.O. Box 136  
 Portage WI 53901  
 Office Hours: 608-742-9227  
 After Hours: 608-742-7227

Crawford County Department of Human Services  
 111 W. Dunn Street  
 Prairie du Chien WI 53821  
 Office Hours: 608-326-0248  
 After Hours: 608-326-0241

Dane County Department of Human Services  
 Children, Youth & Family Intake  
 2322 S. Park Street  
 Madison WI 53713  
 Office Hours: 608-261-5437  
 After Hours: 608-255-6067

Dodge County Department of Human Services  
 County Office Building  
 143 E. Center Street  
 Juneau WI 53039-1330  
 Office Hours: 920-386-3750  
 After Hours: 920-887-6713

Door County Department of Social Services  
 421 Nebraska Street, P.O. Box 670  
 Sturgeon Bay WI 54235  
 Office Hours: 920-746-2300  
 After Hours: 920-746-2400

Douglas County Department of Human Services  
 119 N. 25<sup>th</sup> Street East  
 Superior WI 54880  
 Office Hours: 715-395-1304  
 After Hours: 715-395-1371

Dunn County Department of Human Services  
 808 Main Street, P.O. Box 470  
 Menomonie WI 54751  
 Office Hours: 715-232-1116  
 After Hours: 715-232-5987

Eau Claire County Department of Human  
 Services  
 721 Oxford Ave.,  
 P.O. Box 840  
 Eau Claire WI 54702-840  
 Office Hours: 715-831-5700  
 After Hours: 715-839-4972

Florence County Department of Human Services  
 501 Lake Ave., P.O. Box 170  
 Florence WI 54121  
 Office Hours: 715-528-3296  
 After Hours: 715-528-3346

Fond du Lac County Department of Social  
 Services  
 87 Vincent Street P.O. Box 1196  
 Fond du Lac WI 54936-1196  
 Office Hours: 920-929-3400  
 After Hours: 920-929-3391

Forest County Department of Social Services  
 Forest County Courthouse  
 200 E. Madison St.  
 Crandon WI 54520  
 Office Hours: 715-478-3351  
 After Hours: 715-478-3331

Grant County Department of Social Services  
 8820 Hwy. 35 & 61 South  
 P.O. Box 447  
 Lancaster WI 53813  
 Office Hours: 608-723-2136  
 After Hours: 608-723-2157

Green County Department of Human Services  
 N3152 Highway 81, Pleasant View Complex  
 Monroe WI 53566  
 Office Hours: 608-328-9399 or 608-328-9393  
 After Hours: 608-328-9393

Green Lake County Department of Health &  
 Human Services  
 500 Lake Steel Street  
 Green Lake WI 54941  
 Office Hours: 920-294-4070  
 After Hours: 920-294-4000

Iowa County Department of Social Services  
 109 W. Fountain St.  
 Dodgeville WI 53533  
 Office Hours: 608-935-9311  
 After Hours: 608-935-3314

Iron County Department of Human Services  
 Courthouse  
 300 Taconite Street  
 Hurley WI 54534  
 Office Hours: 715-561-3636 or 715-561-3637 or  
 715-561-4168  
 After Hours: 715-561-3800

Jackson County Department of Health and  
 Human Services  
 420 Highway 54 West  
 P.O. Box 457  
 Black River Falls WI 54615  
 Office Hours: 715-284-4301  
 After Hours: 715-284-5357  
 Jefferson County Human Services Department  
 N3995 Annex Road  
 Jefferson WI 53549  
 Office/After Hours: 920-674-3105

Juneau County Department of Human Services  
 Courthouse Annex  
 220 E. LaCrosse St.  
 Mauston WI 53948  
 Office Hours: 608-847-2400  
 After Hours: 608-847-6161

Kenosha County Human Services Department  
 714 52nd Street  
 Kenosha WI 53140  
 Office Hours: 262-605-6582  
 After Hours: 262-657-7188

Kewaunee County Department of Human  
 Services  
 510 Kilbourn Street  
 Kewaunee WI 54216  
 Office Hours: 920-388-3777  
 After Hours: 920-388-3100

LaCrosse County Human Services Department  
 300 North 4th Street, P.O. Box 4002  
 LaCrosse WI 54602  
 Office Hours: 608-785-6050 or 785-6054  
 After Hours: 608-785-9634

Lafayette County Department of Human Services  
 627 Main Street  
 Darlington WI 53530  
 Office Hours: 608-776-4800  
 After Hours: 608-776-4848

Langlade County Department of Social Services  
 Langlade County Health Service Center  
 1225 Langlade Road  
 Antigo WI 54409  
 Office Hours: 715-627-6500  
 After Hours: 715-623-4111

Lincoln County Department of Social Services  
607 N. Sales St.  
P.O. Box 547  
Merrill WI 54452  
Office Hours: 715-536-6200  
After Hours: 715-536-6272

Manitowoc County Human Services Department  
926 South 8th Street  
P.O. Box 1177  
Manitowoc WI 54220  
Office Hours: 920-683-4230  
After Hours: 920-323-2448

Marathon County Department of Social Services  
400 E. Thomas Street  
Wausau WI 54403  
Office Hours: 715-261-7500  
After Hours: 715-261-1200

Marinette County Department of Health &  
Human Services  
2500 Hall Avenue, Suite B  
Marinette WI 54143  
Office Hours: 715-732-7700  
After Hours: 715-732-7600

Marquette County Department of Human Services  
77 Park Street  
P.O. Box 405, Courthouse  
Montello WI 53949  
Office Hours: 608-297-9135  
After Hours: 608-297-2115

Menominee County Department of Human  
Services  
Social Services Building, Hwy 47  
P.O. Box 280  
Keshena WI 54135  
Office Hours: 715-799-3861 or 715-799-5353  
After Hours: 715-799-3861

Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare  
235 W. Galena Street  
Milwaukee WI 53212  
Office Hours: 414-220-SAFE (7233)  
After Hours: 414-220-SAFE (7233)

Monroe County Department of Human Services  
Community Services Center A-19  
14301 County Highway B  
Sparta WI 54656  
Office Hours: 608-269-8630  
After Hours: 911

Oconto County Department of Human Services  
501 Park Ave.  
Oconto WI 54153-1612  
Office Hours: 920-834-7000  
After Hours: 920-834-6900

Oneida County Department of Social Services  
P.O. Box 400-Courthouse  
Rhineland WI 54501  
Office Hours: 715-362-5695  
After Hours: 715-361-5100

Outagamie County Department of Health and  
Human Services  
401 South Elm Street  
Appleton, WI 54911  
Office Hours: 920-832-5161  
After Hours: 920-832-4646

Ozaukee County Department of Social Services  
121 W. Main Street  
P.O. Box 994  
Port Washington WI 53074-0994  
Office Hours: 262-284-8200  
After Hours: 262-238-8436

Pepin County Department of Human Services  
 740 7th Ave. West  
 Durand WI 54736  
 Office Hours: 715-672-8941  
 After Hours: 715-672-5944

Pierce County Department of Human Services  
 412 W. Kinne St.  
 P.O. Box 670  
 Ellsworth WI 54011  
 Office Hours: 715-273-6766  
 After Hours: 715-273-5051

Polk County Department of Human Services  
 300 Polk County Plaza Suite 110  
 Balsam Lake WI 54810-0219  
 Office Hours: 715-485-8400  
 After Hours: 715-485-8300

Portage County Department of Health & Human Services  
 817 Whiting Avenue  
 Stevens Point WI 54481  
 Office Hours: 715-345-5350  
 After Hours: 715-345-5350

Price County Department of Human Services  
 Courthouse  
 104 South Eyder Avenue  
 P.O. Box 88  
 Phillips WI 54555  
 Office Hours: 715-339-2158  
 After Hours: 715-339-3011

Racine County Human Services Department  
 1717 Taylor  
 Racine WI 53403  
 Office Hours/After Hours: 262-638-6321

Richland County Department of Social Services  
 221 West Seminary  
 Richland Center WI 53581  
 Office Hours: 608-647-8821  
 After Hours: 608-647-2106

Rock County Human Services Department  
 3530 N. County Trunk F  
 P.O. Box 1649  
 Janesville WI 53547-1649  
 Office Hours: 608-757-5401  
 After Hours: 608-757-2244

Rusk County Department of Health & Human Services  
 Courthouse  
 311 East Miner Suite C-240  
 Ladysmith WI 54848  
 Office Hours: 715-532-2299  
 After Hours: 715-532-2299

Sauk County Department of Human Services  
 505 Broadway, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
 P.O. Box 29  
 Baraboo WI 53913  
 Office Hours: 608-355-4200  
 After Hours: 1-800-533-5692

Sawyer County Department of Health & Human Services  
 105 E. 4th Street, P.O. Box 730  
 Hayward WI 54843  
 Office Hours: 715-634-4806  
 After Hours: 715-634-4858

Shawano County Department of Social Services  
 Courthouse  
 P.O. Box 434  
 Shawano WI 54166  
 Office Hours: 715-526-4700  
 After Hours: 715-526-3100

Sheboygan County Health & Human Services  
Department

1011 North 8th Street

Sheboygan WI 53081

Office Hours: 920-459-6418

After Hours: 414-459-3111

St. Croix County Department of Health & Human  
Services

1445 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street

New Richmond WI 54017

Office Hours: 715-246-6991

After Hours: 715-246-6991

Taylor County Human Services Department

340 East College Street

Medford WI 54451

Office Hours: 715-748-3332

After Hours: 715-748-2200

Trempealeau County Department of Social  
Services

Courthouse, P.O. Box 67

Whitehall WI 54773

Office Hours: 715-538-2311 ext. 290

After Hours: 715-538-4351

Vernon County Department of Human Services

E 7419 County Home Road, P.O. Box 823

Viroqua WI 54665

Office Hours: 608-637-5210

After Hours: 608-637-2124

Vilas County Department of Social Services

330 Court Street

Eagle River WI 54521

Office Hours: 715-479-3668

After Hours: 715-479-4441

Walworth County Department of Health &  
Human Services

W3955 Hwy NN, Box 1006

Elkhorn WI 53121

Office Hours: 262-741-3200/1-800-365-1587

After Hours: 262-741-3200/1-800-365-1587

Washburn County Human Services Department

P.O. Box 250

Shell Lake WI 54871

Office Hours: 715-468-4747

After Hours: 715-468-2721

Washington County Department of Social  
Services

333 E. Washington St.

Suite 3100

West Bend WI 53095

Office Hours: 262-335-4610

After Hours: 262-335-4670

Waukesha County Department of Health &  
Human Services

500 Riverview Ave.

Waukesha WI 53188

Office Hours: 262--548-7212/548-7666

After Hours: 262-547-7731

Waupaca County Department of Health & Hu-  
man Services

811 Harding Street

Waupaca WI 54981-2087

Office Hours: 715-258-6300

After Hours: 715-258-4466

Waushara County Department of Social Services

230 West Park Street, P.O. Box 898

Wautoma WI 54982

Office Hours: 920-787-3303

After Hours: 920-787-3321

Winnebago County Department of Social  
Services

220 Washington Avenue

P.O. Box 2646

Oshkosh WI 54903-2646

Office Hours: 920-236-4600

After Hours: 920-233-7707

Wood County Department of Social Services  
(South Wood County Office)

Courthouse, 400 Market Street

P.O. Box 8095

Wisconsin Rapids WI 54495-8095

Office Hours: 715-421-8600

After Hours: 715-421-8600

## APPENDIX B

### CHILD MALTREATMENT RELATED STATUTES

Following are excerpts from the Wisconsin Statutes that create the basis for persons to report suspected child maltreatment and for child protective services agencies to respond. The excerpts are from the updated 1999-2000 Wisconsin Statutes Database. (Note: The excerpts appear exactly as they would appear in the published statutes. Therefore, other portions of the statutes not relevant to child maltreatment are included on some pages.)

Included in the excerpts are sections from Chapter 48, known as the Children's Code, and sections from criminal statutes that are cross-referenced in the Children's Code in order to define child abuse.

Specifically, the following statutory sections are included:

- **s.48.01 Title and legislative purpose.**
- **s.48.02 Definitions.** This includes definitions of child abuse.
- **s.48.13 Jurisdiction over children alleged to be in need of protection or services.** This describes the basis on which the local child protective services agencies (county social/human services departments and the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare) may petition the court to intervene with a family.
- **s.48.981 Abused or neglected children and abused unborn children.** This section defines child neglect, describes the reporting requirements of alleged child maltreatment and describes the child protective services agencies' duties and responsibilities.
- **s.939.22 Words and phrases defined.** This section defines terms that are used in describing certain crimes, some of which are cross-referenced in s.48.02 in order to define child abuse.
- **s.940.225 Sexual assault.** This defines the crime of sexual assault and is cross-referenced under s.48.02(1)(b).
- **s.944.30 Prostitution.** This defines the crime of prostitution and is cross-referenced under s.48.02(1)(d).
- **s.948.02 Sexual assault of a child.** This is the first in a series of crimes from Chapter 948, known as Crimes Against Children, that are cross-referenced under s.48.02(1)(b) in order to define child sexual abuse. The following sections are also cross-referenced under s.48.02(1):
  - **s.948.025 Engaging in repeated acts of sexual assault of the same child.**
  - **s.948.05 Sexual exploitation of a child.**
  - **s.948.055 Causing a child to view or listen to sexual activity.**
  - **s.948.10 Exposing genitals or pubic area.**